

The Woodruff comes in a good time, as the cargo is needed and will probably be divided among some of the big smokers. The craft is consigned to Fred. Bradley, and the chances are that the cargo will bring a fancy price.

The only remaining one of the first salt herring fleet to arrive, sch. Georgie Campbell, cleared from Louisbury, C. B., last evening.

FOUND SQUID SCARCE.

Sch. Margaret Could Get None on the Banks.

Secured Few from House to House Near St. Pierre.

Capt. Samuel Colson of sch. Margaret, which arrived this morning from a halibut trip, reports practically no squid on the banks.

He tried everywhere possible and found them so scarce that only five or six could be caught by all hands in a two days' try.

In search of this much needed bait, Capt. Colson put in a little hamlet near St. Pierre, Miquelon, and taking one of his crew who could talk French and English, went ashore. Here he went from house to house of the fishermen, and by securing from 25 to 100 salt squid from each one, succeeded in getting enough for a baiting.

Squid are pretty scarce when it has to be procured in this way.

Dec. 22.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Golden-Rod, via Boston.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
Sch. Livonia, shore.

Today's Market.

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Outside sale of dory handline cod \$4.40 for large and \$3.90 for medium.

Outside sales Georges cod \$4.75 and \$3.75 per cwt. for large and medium.

Outside sale fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.60; hake, \$1.15.

Round pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt mackerel, \$16 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.10 to \$3.12 1-2 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 fresh fish.

Herring Notes.

Herring have been abundant about Holyrod Pond, N. F., lately and some good catches have been made. Codfish are also plentiful here.

Fair catches of herring have recently been made about Rencontre and Long Harbor, and there is a good sign of the fish generally throughout Fortune Bay.

Schs. Atalanta, Arkona and A. M. Nicholson were at North Sydney, C. B., last Friday.

The weather at Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday was mild.

Sch. Constellation is reported nearly loaded with frozen herring at Bay of Islands, N. F. Schs. Claudia and Admiral Dewey were at Owl's Head, N. S., on Friday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Rigel was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday.

Schs. Minette, Stranger and Mabel Leavitt were at Portland on Sunday.

Newfoundland Cod Liver Oil.

The output of cod liver oil in Newfoundland this year has been 150,000 gallons, of which 20,000 gallons remain unsold. The average price obtained was about \$1.50 a gallon, which would give \$225,000 against a valuation of last year's stock of about \$25,000, giving a clear profit this season of \$200,000 on this item alone.

From The Gloucester Daily Times.
Dec. 22, 1903

Year's Salt Receipts.

59,282,639 Pounds the Record for the Present Year.

The salt receipts at this port this year are among the largest for many years, 15 arrivals from Trapani, Sicily, bringing 24,967 tons and 1,039 pounds.

From Boston have come 15 cargoes of Liverpool salt aggregating 1,498 tons, so that the total salt imports at this port for the year 1903 are 26,465 tons and 1,039 pounds.

The Trapani cargoes came in four steamers, 10 barks and one ship; the Liverpool cargoes all coming in schooners.

The largest cargo, 3220 tons, was received in the steamer Sheppy Allison and the smallest Trapani cargo, 547 tons, was brought by the bark New York. The Liverpool cargoes were about 100 tons each.

The fact that all this great amount of salt, 59,282,639 pounds, was used exclusively in the curing and preserving of the fish products of the Gloucester fishing fleet gives some idea of the magnitude of the business.

BIG RAISE IN PRICE.

Salt Herring Sells at \$3.50 Per Barrel.

Sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff Will Make Big Stock.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff sold to John Pew & Son, Fred L. Davis and Slade Gorton & Co. at \$3.50 per barrel. This is a strong advance over last sales, which were at \$3 per barrel.

The vessel is owned by Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson of Bucksport, Me., who will realize handsomely on the cargo, which was the largest of the season and sold by Fred Bradley.

Despite the big raise in price, it is understood that the big smokers do not intend to raise the price of smoked bloaters, which is now \$1.25 per hundred.

Dec. 23.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Agnes, Quero Bank, 10,000 cod lbs. cod, 15,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Vera, via Boston.

Sch. Esperanza, shore.

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Salt mackerel, \$16 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Angielena, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 1500 hake.

Sch. Azorian, 2000 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Manhasset, 15,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 13,000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Regina, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 13,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 11,800 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75; large cod, \$3 to \$4.50; markets, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.50.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Agnes sold to the New England Fish Co. at 13 and 10 cents per pound for white and gray.

HALIBUT RECORDS.

Notable Catches of Steamers on Pacific Coast.

BIG TRIPS MADE VERY QUICKLY

Two Steamers Triple Catch of Gloucester Halibuts.

The Times has received from a friend on the Pacific Coast some interesting facts and figures in regard to the catch of fresh halibut of the steamers Kingfisher and New England of the New England Fish Co. of Boston. The figures cover a period of over a year and are indeed surprising as to the number of trips made, as well as in the immense fares landed.

The New England Fish Company of Boston have two steamers engaged in the halibut fishing on the Pacific coast, the New England built in 1897 on the Delaware and taken around Cape Horn, and the Kingfisher, built at San Francisco in 1902 and put in commission about September 1 of that year. The Kingfisher is commanded by Capt. H. B. Joyce, the New England by Capt. S. Freeman.

From Sept. 3, 1902, to Nov. 16, 1903, the Kingfisher made 48 trips, landing 5,614,000 pounds of fresh halibut. The fares there are figured by tons and the trips run from 20 to 110 tons.

The New England, from Oct. 23, 1902, to Nov. 6, 1903, made 39 trips, landing 4,620,000 pounds, the trips ranging from 32 to 165 tons of fish each.

Thus the total catch of these two steamers for a little over a year was 10,234,000 pounds of fresh halibut, or almost three times the catch of our entire halibut fleet for the same period.

The foregoing is from official records and is substantially correct, showing the immense superiority of steam over sail vessels in procuring these fish for market. About one million pounds of the catch of the two steamers was sold in Canadian markets, the balance being shipped to Boston packed in ice. Most of the voyages cover from 1000 to 1200 miles steaming, and the fish were in the markets of Boston and New York in from 8 to 15 days of their being taken from the ocean.

These steamers can easily handle 200,000 pounds of halibut from 12 dories in 12 hours, provided they can get the fish.

Capt. H. B. Joyce, of the Kingfisher, or "Hans," as everybody east calls him, was formerly one of our leading mackerel skippers and a man noted for his success and judgment. At one time he had a steam seiner, the Novelty, which owing to the great scarcity of the fish at that time did not prove a profitable venture. Now on the Pacific coast he is keeping up his record by big work catching halibut.

He has patented a system of transferring the fish from the dory to the deck of a steamer. By his method the entire load of 2000 or 3000 pounds is transferred from the dory to the deck at one lift in about one minute, making it unnecessary for the dory to let go of her lines in moderate weather.

SCH. AVALON BOUND HOME.

Has the First Cargo of Nat- ural Frozen Herring.

FISH ARE STILL SCARCE.

Sch. Norma Is Nearly Ready to Come.

A dispatch to Orlando Merchant yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., stated that the weather was mild and herring scarce. Sch. Avalon sailed from there yesterday for home with a full cargo of frozen herring. This is the first cargo of natural frost herring to be on the way this season.

Sch. Norma has secured a load of frozen herring and only awaits to fill her cabin before starting on her homeward journey.

The big fare of salt herring, 2500 barrels, which sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff has recently brought from Bay of Islands, N. F., has caused many to believe that it is the largest salt herring cargo ever brought from Newfoundland. This is not so as I remember that Capt. William H. Collins, in the sch. Lottie K. Friend, brought two cargoes at least from there which were larger, one of 3600 barrels and one of 3800 barrels, and these cargoes were not in bulk but all barreled.

A despatch today from one of the leading skippers now at Bay of Islands, N. F., reports the herring prospect very poor.

Christmas Confectionery.

How is your Christmas Confectionery? Fine fancy packages Huyler's, Foss's etc., at Barker's Drug Store.

MAY ADVANCE THE PRICE.

Smoked Bloaters Producers Considering the Matter.

WILL HAVE MEETING THURSDAY

Raise on Salt Herring Price Is the Cause.

There seems to be a feeling among the smokers of bloaters, that on account of the big raise on the price of salt herring, there should be an advance made in the price of smoked bloaters.

An informal meeting of some of the smokers was held at the Board of Trade rooms this morning, but as some of them were out of town or otherwise engaged, the matter was not discussed. It was decided, however, to call a meeting for tomorrow morning when the matter will be carefully considered and some action taken.

Dec. 24.
DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

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Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, shore.
Sch. Fanny Bells Atwood, via Boston.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Massachusetts, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jeanie, 1200 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Nokomis, 1500 lbs. haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Azorian, 600 cod.

Sch. Samoset, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 500 haddock, 1200 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Vesta, 300 haddock, 4000 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 800 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh.

Sch. John M. Keen, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva.

Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1800 cod.

Haddock and cod, \$3.50 to \$4.; pollock and hake, \$2.

MAINE'S FISHERIES.

Commissioner Nickerson Gives Out Figures for the Year.

According to figures furnished by Hon. A. R. Nickerson, commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, there was packed in the state of Maine in the season of 1903 a total of 1,181,770 cases of sea dimes, an increase of 2302 cases.

The total catch of lobsters in Maine for the year ending November 30 was 7,494,691, including in Cumberland, 802,034; York, 282,600. The value of all the lobsters taken was \$1,219,949.

The total catch falls behind that of 1902 by 690,650 but the value falls short but \$6013 owing to the higher prices.

Under the law which provides that the state purchase seed lobsters of the fishermen, Commissioner Nickerson has purchased 14,173 egg lobsters, of which 1925 were bought by the United States.

The "lobster meat bill" enacted by the last legislature has had a good effect and the commissioner believes that part of the violations in this branch have been stopped thereby.